GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:692
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NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL INSURANCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints of extending more benefits to insurance companies at the cost of farmers have been received from Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken thereon;

(c) whether the Government propose to make the scheme voluntary and to ensure that it is not forcibly implemented by the district banks; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): No such complaint has come to notice.

(b): Does not arise.

(c)&(d): National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) which is at present under operation provides for voluntary participation of non-loanee farmers and compulsory participation of the loanee farmers. The scheme is compulsory for the loanee farmers in order to provide reasonable level of participation. At present, there is no proposal under consideration of the Government to make the scheme voluntary for loanee farmers.